

PMHA Meeting Minutes

September 1st, 2021

1) Call to order: 7:06pm.

2) Attendees:

Board Members: Brent McCracken, Kristina Ewen, Janelle Adamson, Nick Boser, Breanne Styner, Brittany Tremblay, Darren Raymond and Suzanne Williams.

Non-Board Members: Lee Hicks

3) Review of the Agenda/Adoption of the Agenda:

i) Add “Board Member Credits” to Old Business, subsection (b).

ii) Add “Kick-off Conditioning Camp” to New Business, subsection (g).

iii) Kristina made a motion to adopt the agenda, Brittany 2nd.

4) Review of minutes from last meeting (August 4th/21):

- Janelle made a motion to adopt the minutes, Kristina 2nd.

5) Correspondence:

a) Stony Plain Minor Hockey

i) They will be accepting kids from outside their association for U11-AA tryouts that start September 13th. We have a couple of kids trying out who will return to Pembina if they do not make it.

ii) Inquiring whether we have any U15 players that would be interested in playing there, but we are still awaiting our final registration numbers.

iii) Stony is interested in renting ice at our arena, but were told they would have to wait.

b) Spruce Grove will not be allowing kids from surrounding areas to try-out for their U11-AA pilot program, despite Hockey Alberta’s recommendations.

c) Brent was contacted by the league.

i) Our registration is due by the 11th of September. We need to decide on the number of teams we will enter as well as which tier they will start in. The cost is \$200/team for league fees which is slightly down from last year.

- ii) We will not be supplied any new game books this year.
- d) PAC and Matt Gorman may be running some programs for older kids (U11 and up) that our kids may have the opportunity to join.
- e) Chuck from the NAI confirmed that the tier 1 teams have left the league. Leduc, Devon, Beaumont, Fort Saskatchewan, and Ponoka have all left the league as well.
- e) We also received correspondence regarding our casino which will be addressed under New Business, subsection (f).
- f) Received bills and bank statements.

6) Old Business

- a) Jersey's
 - i) Breanne still needs to go through the Jersey's to see what is missing.
 - ii) Breanne has placed an order for socks: 40 small, 60 medium and 20 large.
- b) Board Member Credits
 - i) Based on the attendance at meetings from the 2020/21 season, the following board members will qualify for credits: Brent, Nick, Brandon, Jackie, Brittany, Kristina, Breanne, Krystal and Suzanne.
 - ii) Nick made a motion to pay board member credits to those who qualify, Kristina 2nd.
 - iii) Krystal will make sure that the credits are applied.

7) New Business

- a) Registration Numbers
 - i) Learn-To-Play – 4
 - ii) U7 – 9
 - iii) U9 – 16
 - iv) U11 – 24 (2 players are trying out for AA)
 - v) U13 – 16
 - a) Waiting on one more registration to come in, late due to family circumstances.
 - b) One player is currently trying out for AA in Spruce Grove.

vi) U15 – 9

- a) Waiting on one registration which is late due to family circumstances.
- b) One is currently trying out for AA in Spruce Grove.
- c) Mayerthorpe currently has 17 registered for U15, so maybe some could be convinced to play here.
- d) Potential for any U13's to move up? Uncertain.

vii) U18 – 3 (Not enough for a team, Mason has been released to go to Drayton.

A couple of these players may be able to play overage in U15.)

b) Teams and Coaches

i) U7 – will practise one night/week and on Saturdays.

ii) U9 – will be divided into 2 teams in October with evaluators from inside PMHA. The teams will share practise ice one night/week and on Saturdays. One team will be placed in Group 2 and the other in Group 3.

iii) U11 – There will be 4 skates prior to 3 evaluation skates (non-biased evaluators) and then will be split into 2 teams following the SOP's. One team will likely play in tier 4 and the other in tier 6. Each team will have one full ice practise each week and a shared practise on Saturdays and every other week on Tuesdays.

iv) U13 – will have 15-17 players depending on tryouts and a late registration. Some kids may want to move up, and one may potentially move down to play overage U11. The team will start in tier 4 and practise once and twice/week on a rotating schedule and once on Saturdays.

v) U15 – ideally we would like a few more players. Contacted a parent during the meeting that confirmed they forgot the deadline and will be registering. With the two expected late registrations we would have 11 players. One player will be requesting a release to go to Stony to play as a full-time goalie. We will send a request to Hockey Alberta to see if our U18 players can play U15 instead. Will practise twice weekly (late ice times) and on Saturdays until games start and then once weekly thereafter.

vi) All teams will have their first ice times on Saturday, September 18th. The practise schedule may be a bit random for the first couple of weeks while evaluations are going on.

vii) Coaches will be determined once the teams are divided. For now, Learn-to-play requires a coach (possibly Ryan Woloszyn), U7 will be coached by Paul Tuttle, U9 will need more volunteers but Aaron Hofmann will start the season, U11 will be coached by Lee and Brent (will need more once teams are split), U13 will be coached by Brian Williams and Brittany, and U15 could potentially be coached by Daytin or Lee with help from Ryan King.

c) Splits – was discussed above under New Business, subsection (b) teams.

d) Schedule – was discussed above under New Business, subsection (b) teams.

e) Pictures

i) Suzanne contacted a few picture companies and brought some samples and information to share with the board.

ii) GameFace Sports Photography has tentatively scheduled us for Tuesday October 19th. They have a nice range of product options (including digital copies), no minimum purchase requirements, have good reviews and were easy to get a hold of. All ordering is done digitally and will be guaranteed for Christmas. They require three designated areas for photos and preparation and prefer not to take pictures on the ice.

iii) MVP Photography bought out SDI Photography and we have used them in the past. They have fabulous products and are used by our neighboring associations, Drayton Valley and Mayerthorpe. The customer service reviews are quite negative with concerns regarding missing products and poor response time.

iv) High Five Photos – a small company based in Drayton Valley that could handle a small association. They have taken pictures for Winfield Hockey Association and Drayton's minor baseball. Samples are online, but not many products to choose from.

v) Prime Sports Team Photography – this is the last company that we used but they have not yet responded.

vi) Suzanne will confirm the booking with GameFace Sports Photography and book the recreation room at the arena for October 19th. Janelle will send out an e-mail to the association with the picture date.

f) Casino

i) Our casino is scheduled for October 8th and 9th. We will require lots of volunteers and lots of backups this year because of COVID.

ii) Janelle will send an e-mail out to the association looking for volunteers.

g) Kick-Off Conditioning Camp

i) The conditioning camp is up in the air right now. U11's would not participate because of upcoming evaluations.

ii) We could look into getting a power skating instructor for the 18th and 19th. Board members that suggested options will look into them prior to opening weekend.

8) Committee Reports

a) President (Brent McCracken)

i) Kayla and Mike Minion will be running a 2 week hockey prep camp starting September 6th and will run Monday-Friday from 4-5pm at the arena. Register early as it is first come, first serve. The cost is \$200 and includes copies of the workouts, with a focus on athletics, breathing, dynamic power, etc.

ii) Brent will talk to Chuck at NAI to address our U18 players.

iii) The new ref age limit is 13.

iv) Brent will ask Luke if he still wants to be the Senior Governor of the association. If not, maybe Lee?

b) Vice President (Darren Raymond) – pass

c) Treasurer (Krystal Alston) – not present

d) Secretary (Suzanne Williams) – pass

- e) Registration Director (Kristina Ewen) – will submit teams for registration and Brent will have to submit for the league.
 - f) Game & Conduct/Safety (Nick Boser) – pass
 - g) Director of Equipment (Breanne Styner) – Breanne will meet with Brent next week to sort and count the jersey's.
 - h) Communications Director (Janelle Adamson) – Janelle met with Jackie to learn the position. She will input player data on the website. She will send out an e-mail to the association about upcoming ice times, evaluations, casino volunteers, picture date, etc.
 - i) Fundraiser – position not yet filled
 - j) League Representative Director – position not yet filled
 - k) Hockey Development Director (Alex Benson) – not present
 - l) Ice Scheduling Director (Brittany Tremblay) – will start scheduling ice ASAP.
- 9) Other – none
- 10) Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, October 5th 2021, 7:00 pm at the arena.
- 11) Meeting Adjourned at 9:17pm.